

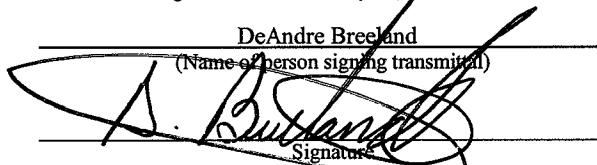
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 15, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 15, 2008, please consider the following remarks.

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